



2022 Newsletter

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Welcome!

Summer is on the way! The Emerald Lake Regional Park Board would like to welcome everyone back for another season. Our Park is open May 15th to September 5th.

Thank you to all our volunteers this past season, our park would not be what it is today without the hours and dedication you gave to our park. We encourage all of you to take the initiative and to help where you can. It is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Board Members for 2022

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Secretary/Treasurer: Chelsey Watts

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Park Manager: Damen Van Meter

Andrew Didiuk

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Brad Butler

Representative from RM of Leask: Joan Sanftleben

Notices

1. Starting the May long weekend through to September long weekend, garbage pickups will be Mondays. Tuesdays on long weekends. All garbage must be bagged and in a sealed garbage can lined with a black garbage bag that will be removed at each pick up and need to be replaced or your garbage will not be picked up. Please note that staff will not be picking up any yard trimmings such as branches, leaves, pine needles, etc. This fish-filleting shack is located at the boat launch. Should you choose to fillet your fish at home, you are responsible to take the remains to the garbage bin, located at the entrance of the park. ELRP staff will not pick up your garbage with fish remains.
2. As a convenience for our park patrons, please remember that we do sell gas during the season.
3. We hope that everyone will take the opportunity to take a walk through the new hiking trail that was created in memory of Fran Nutter.

SRPA Capital Grant

Emerald Lake Capital Grant items for the 2021 year were as follows:

- Beach storage shed
- Golf course green (Phase 2)
- Zoning bylaws (Phase 1)
- Sports Pad (Phase 2)

We completed all grant requirements by the Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association, and we received \$8,665.33 towards our projects. A huge thank you to SRPA for the work they do to help the parks.

In order for our park to receive these grants we must maintain being an accredited park with the SRPA. There are strict criteria and standards set out by the SRPA that every park must adhere to each year.

Capital Projects for 2022

- Zoning bylaws (Phase 2)
- Golf course upgrade (Phase 3)
- Outdoor washrooms (Phase 1)
- Campsite upgrades (Phase 2)
- Cabin upgrades

Phase Breakdown for Capital Projects

Golf course greens – Phase 1 was the completion of the first grass green, Phase 2 was the completion of the second grass green, Phase 3 will be the completion of four greens in 2022, and there will be a Phase 4 of completing the final three greens to complete the golf course greens project.

Zoning Bylaws - Phase 1 was the construction of the Zoning Bylaws in 2021, and Phase 2 will be the completion of the Zoning Bylaws in 2022.

Campsite upgrades – Phase 1 was the completion of obtaining 10 new firepits for the campground, as well as replacing 16 picnic tables. Phase 2 will be completing the campsite upgrade by replacing 16 more picnic tables.

Sports Pad – Phase 1 was the completion of the chain link fence for the sports pad. Phase 2 was the completion and installation of the playing surface and repairing and painting the retaining wall.

Outdoor washrooms – Phase 1 will be a new outdoor washroom in the primitive area. Phase 2 and ongoing will be replacing other outdoor washrooms as needed.

Highlights of 2021

In 2021 the Park was bursting with activity, new park developments, and special events brought back. The golf course committee did great work on holes 1 and 9. Our campground was full this summer. The Dorothy Lynn memorial pickleball tournament took place. Although we were unable to have fireworks, Bingo was held and was a big hit. Lastly, we were able to complete the long-anticipated Emerald Expedition Hiking Trail in the park. The trail was created with preserving nature at the forefront of the plans such that no trees were cut in a diameter greater than three inches. The trail has information signs and benches. There is also an arbor on the trail which is dedicated to Fran Nutter.

Summer Events

Golf Course Clean Up
T.B.A.

Board AGM

Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Happy Homesteaders Senior's Centre, Leask, SK.

Canada Day Celebrations
Friday, July 1st

Annual Canada Day Golf Tournament
T.B.A.

Emfest Celebrations
July 29, 2022, to August 1, 2022

Swimming Lessons

August 1st to August 5th

What's New?

Cabin Lot Surveys

We are at the final steps of having the lots registered with ISC, after which the surveying process will be complete.

Things to Keep in Mind

Gate Cards

Each gate card must be linked to its own Seasonal Park Pass and that pass must be purchased at Emerald Lake. If you own gate cards and do not purchase new Seasonal Passes for those gate cards, the cards will not be activated. If new Seasonal Passes are paid for with your lease fees, those gate cards be activated. For any concerns or issues with your gate card, please at the main store and speak with the Park Manager. Remember the money from the sale of all Seasonal Passes sold in our park, stay in our park!

Persons allowing other people into the park with their gate card will lose the use of the gate card for the remainder of the year. Inappropriate use of your gate card may result in your card being deactivated long-term.

Seasonal Passes

Seasonal passes and Seasonal Camping Agreement receipts will be available at the Main Concession as of May 15th.

Memorial Garden

The granite memorial garden sign has room for more plaques. If you wish to purchase a memorial plaque for a loved one, you can do so for \$35.00. Please stop by the Main Concession to provide details for the plaque. Plaques are approximately 4" by 1".

Donations

If you wish to make a donation to the park, we will provide you with a tax receipt.

Well & Water Maintenance

ELRP well water is tested daily during the summer. All well water is chlorinated and potable during the camping season only which is May 15th to September 5th.

If you notice any irregularities with your water, please notify the Park Staff immediately.

We will be shocking the wells in early-May, weather permitting. Watch the bulletin board for the exact date. Once shocked, the wells will be offline for 24 hours to allow the chlorine to sit in the lines to disinfect them. Lines will then be flushed.

Contact Information

Please ensure your contact information is always up-to-date with the Secretary/Treasurer.

Parking

We encourage all park patrons to utilize their property for their parking.

Golf

If you purchase a new golf cart, you may transfer the license plate to your new cart. The \$25.00 fee includes your first license plate. From time to time these license plates will need to be replaced due to wear. These will be a charge to the cart owner at the time of replacement.

Burn Pile

Our burn pile is for trees and leaves only. The key for the burn pit may be signed out at the Main Store.

Grey Water

A reminder to all park patrons that outdoor showers are not permitted. You can simply have something to spray sand etc. off of you. Public Health will once again be walking through our Park at random to ensure compliance. The emptying of grey water carries a significant fine.

Defibrillator

A defibrillator is located on the window site of the Beach Concession from May 15th to September 5th. If needed, please open the case and follow the instructions.

Emerald Lake Regional Park Current Processes

Seasonal Wait List

PROCESS

You must be 19 years or older to have your name on the seasonal campsite wait list. If either you and/or your spouse were under the age of 19 when your name was put on the list you will forfeit the available site and your name will be removed from list. You must present copy of driver's license. You must purchase a park pass from ELRP. Only one applicant per line and his/her spouse. Each applicant must request to be left on the wait list each year after purchasing their seasonal park pass by September long weekend and updating their email address and phone number. If you are contacted for a site by email, you have seven days to decide. If you choose to pass on the site, you will go to the bottom of the list. If you are offered a site and you do not respond at all, you will be removed from the list.

Application to put a name on the seasonal wait list can be done by contacting the Secretary/Treasurer at elrpsec@gmail.com.

Seasonal Moving Sites

PROCESS

When a seasonal camper vacates a site, the first seasonal camper on the move list will be contacted in the order they applied and given the opportunity to choose the site offered. The seasonal camper can pass on the offered site and maintain their spot on the list. Each seasonal camper on the move list will only be permitted one move. After that one move, their name will be taken off the list. They will not be permitted to go back on the list. Once the new occupant has been decided the Board/Manager will need to inspect the vacated site to determine if the damage deposit can be transferred in whole to the new site. Seasonal camper must have septic dumped. Meter should be read and sent to the treasurer for payment along with any necessary damage deposit needing to be collected. Site moving may only take place during parks open season. Any off-season site moving must be pre-approved by the Board. The transfer fee to move is \$350.00, non-refundable.

Application to put a name on the seasonal move list can be done by contacting the Secretary/Treasurer at elrpsec@gmail.com.